

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A hinge device comprising:

a first hinge member ~~which is~~ provided at one and the other end part thereof with mutually opposing first and second support arm parts,

a second hinge member provided with a connecting cylindrical part ~~which is~~ disposed between said first and second support arm parts in such a manner as to be turnable about a rotation axis, and

a damper unit including:

a stator,

a rotor, wherein one end part of the rotor ~~which is~~ turnably received in said stator and the other end part of the rotor ~~which is~~ projected from said stator, and

a damper mechanism disposed between said stator and one end part of said rotor, wherein high-speed turn at least in one direction between said first hinge member and said second hinge member ~~is being~~ prevented by said damper unit,

wherein a support through-hole passing on said rotation axis is formed in said first support arm part,

wherein a support hole is formed in an opposing surface with respect to said first support arm part of said second support arm part with an axis thereof aligned with that of said support through-hole,

wherein a front end part of a hinge pin inserted in said support through-hole through an outer opening part ~~thereof~~ of said support through-hole and passing through said connecting cylindrical part is ~~fitted to~~ received within and adjacent to said support hole,

wherein a rear end part of said hinge pin is ~~fitted to~~ received within and adjacent to said support through-hole,

wherein said hinge pin is ~~fitted to~~ received within and adjacent to opposite end parts of said connecting cylindrical part, thereby turnably connecting said first and second support arm parts with said connecting cylindrical part through said hinge pin,

wherein at least one of said stator and the other end part of said rotor of said damper unit is non-turnably received in a receiving hole formed in at least one of a front end face and a rear end face of said hinge pin,

wherein the other of said stator and the other end part of said rotor is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole and said support hole, to which one end part of said hinge pin, where said receiving hole is formed therein, is fitted, and

wherein a coiled spring ~~for~~ turn biases ~~biasing~~ said connecting cylindrical part with respect to at least one of said first support arm part and said second support arm part, and

wherein said coiled spring is disposed between an inner peripheral surface of said connecting cylindrical part and an outer peripheral surface of said hinge pin.

2. (Previously Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said stator is non-turnably received in said receiving hole and the other end part of said rotor is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole and said support hole to which one end part of said hinge pin, where said receiving hole is formed, is fitted.
3. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 2, wherein said receiving hole is formed in a rear end face of said hinge pin, a connecting plate is detachably fixed to the inside of said support through-hole, the other end part of said rotor is non-turnably ~~fitted to~~ received within and adjacent to an engagement hole formed in said connecting plate, thereby the other end part of said rotor is non-turnably received in said support through-hole.
4. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said receiving hole is formed in at least one of ~~each~~ of opposite end faces of said hinge pin, said stator of said damper unit is non-turnably received in ~~each~~ of said receiving ~~hole~~ holes, and the other end ~~part~~ parts of said ~~rotor~~ rotors of said damper ~~unit is~~ units are non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole and said support hole, ~~respectively~~.
5. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 4, wherein said support hole is formed as a through-hole, ~~said~~ a connecting ~~plate is~~ plates are detachably fixed to at least one of the insides of said support through-hole and said support hole, and the other end ~~part~~ parts

of said rotor is ~~rotors are~~ non-turnably ~~fitted to~~ received within and adjacent to an engagement hole ~~holes~~ formed in said ~~respective~~ connecting plate ~~plates~~, thereby the other end ~~part~~ parts of said rotor is ~~respective rotors are~~ non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole and said support hole, ~~respectively~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 5, wherein said receiving hole is formed as a through-hole, an intermediate member is non-turnably disposed at a central part of said receiving hole, said stator is ~~stators are~~ received in one of opposite end parts of said receiving hole, ~~respectively~~, and said stator is ~~stators are~~ non-turnably connected to said intermediate member.